

PATENT

Docket No. 24180-044001

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Galloway, et al., U.S. Patent )  
 Application No. 08/899,410 )

For: MULTI-LAYER THERMOPLASTIC FILMS )  
 AND PACKAGES MADE THEREFROM )

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2001, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be considered. Applicants have requested an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 in order for this paper to be filed in time.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15, 16 and 21 are pending.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15, 16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Newsome, U.S. Patent No. 4,457,960 in view of Lai et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,272,236.

Newsome discloses oriented multiple layer polymeric film structures useful in the manufacturing of shrink bags. Newsome discloses from Col. 2, line 41 to Col. 3, line 45, several embodiments of the invention. These embodiments are exemplified as either three or five layer structures wherein various combinations of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer and LLDPE are taught as useful in various layers (except the barrier layer).